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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An oven for maintaining cooked foods at temperatures
suitable for serving the foods or even for cooking foods has
a cabinet containing multiple heat sinks of channel-shaped
configuration. The ends of the heat sinks open out of the
cabinet, so that any heat sink may receive a tray of food from
either the front or back of the cabinet. The interior surface
of the heat sinks generally conform to the cross-sectional
shapes of the trays, so that the heat sinks lie along the
bottoms and sides of the trays. The heat sinks have a heating
elements extended along their sides and bottoms for elevat-
ing the temperature of the heat sinks and directing heat into
the trays within the heat sinks. In addition, each heat sink
also contains a cover which may close the top of the tray in
the heat sink and thereby retard the escape of moisture from
the tray or may vent the interior of the tray.

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